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The Honorable Dante B. Fascell
Chairman
Committee on Foreign Affairs
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I was delighted to have had breakfast with you and Members of the Committee last Thursday. I thought it was a very informative and helpful session and hope that you did, too. I look forward to getting together more often on this sort of informal basis.

You may recall that Congressman Smith asked about CIA's views regarding the Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Anti-Terrorism Act of 1986 recently passed by the House. I would like to outline briefly our role and position on the bill.

As you know, the basis of this legislation was the Inman Commission report. The Agency fully supported the Commission and participated extensively in preparation of the Administration's legislative package which grew out of the Commission's report. We were pleased to see the speed and energy with which Committee took up the issue. The Committee is to be commended for its work, and you are to be particularly commended for the leadership you have shown in addressing the difficult issues of diplomatic security and terrorism.

The Agency did have some concerns with the original bill reported out by the Foreign Affairs Committee. These involved principally the scope and sweep of those sections of the bill which vested the Department of State with broad authorities vis a vis other Federal agencies with overseas responsibilities. I am pleased to say, however, that we were able to work with Committee staff to resolve most of these concerns. Our joint efforts were reflected in the "clean bill" which you introduced and which became the version of this legislation ultimately passed by the House. As the limited time involved did not permit the resolution of all issues, we are continuing to work with the Senate and the Administration to make a few additional refinements. By and large, however, we are pleased with the House-passed bill.

We remain fully supportive of the need for legislation in this area, and we greatly appreciated the opportunity to work with Committee staff. I look forward to continuing our joint efforts toward passage of a bill which will better protect Americans who serve their country abroad and help combat the scourge of terrorism.

Again, let me thank you for having breakfast with us. I plan to insure that too much time does not elapse before our next such meeting.

Sincerely,

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

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